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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 71, wherein the sum $a+b \leq 2$ when the oxidation state of M is 4 or less and $a+b \leq 3$ when the oxidation state of M is greater than 4.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 71, wherein X is halogen.

25. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 71, wherein X is Cl.

26. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 71, wherein M is a Group 3 to 7 metal.

27. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 71, wherein M is a Group 4, 5, or 6 metal.

28. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 71, wherein M is titanium, zirconium, or hafnium.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The catalyst of claim 25, wherein M is titanium, zirconium, or hafnium.

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31. (Previously Presented) A catalyst composition useful for the polymerization of olefins, comprising a catalyst of claim 71 and an activating co-catalyst.

32. (Original) The catalyst composition of claim 31, wherein said co-catalyst comprises an alumoxane or an aluminum alkyl.

33. (Original) The catalyst composition of claim 32, wherein said alumoxane comprises (poly)methylalumoxane, ethylalumoxane, or diisobutylalumoxane.

34. (Original) The catalyst composition of claim 31, wherein said co-catalyst is an acid salt containing a non-coordinating inert anion.

35 - 37 (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 72, wherein X is halogen.

39. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 72, wherein X is Cl.

40. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 72, wherein M is a Group 3 to 7 metal.

41. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 72, wherein M is a Group 4, 5, or 6 metal.

42. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 72, wherein M is titanium, zirconium, or hafnium.

43. (Canceled)

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44. (Original) The catalyst composition of claim 39, wherein M is titanium, zirconium, or hafnium.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 72, wherein said co-catalyst comprises an alumoxane or an aluminum alkyl.

47. (Original) The catalyst composition of claim 46, wherein said alumoxane comprises (poly)methylalumoxane, ethylalumoxane, or diisobutylalumoxane.

48. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 72, wherein said co-catalyst is an acid salt containing a non-coordinating inert anion.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Original) The catalyst composition of claim 45, wherein said co-catalyst comprises an alumoxane or an aluminum alkyl.

51. (Original) The catalyst composition of claim 45, wherein said co-catalyst is an acid salt containing a non-coordinating inert anion.

52. (Canceled)

53. (Previously Presented) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:
selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst of claim 71.

54. (Canceled)

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55. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst of claim 25.

56 - 57. (Canceled)

58. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 31.

59. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 32.

60. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 33.

61. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 34.

62. (Canceled)

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63. (Previously Presented) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 72.

64. (Canceled)

65. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 39.

66. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 41.

67. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 44.

68. (Canceled)

69. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 46.

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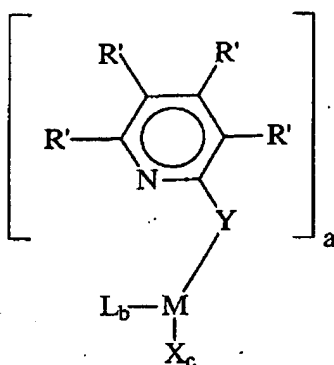
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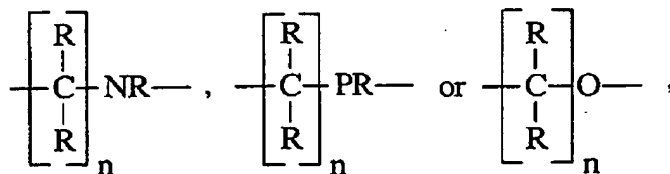
70. (Original) In a process for the polymerization of olefins in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst, the improvement comprising:

selecting as said olefin polymerization catalyst an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising the catalyst composition of claim 47.

71. (Previously Presented) A catalyst comprising units of the formula:



where Y is, $\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ | \\ -\text{S}- \\ | \\ \text{R} \end{array}$, $\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ | \\ -\text{N}- \\ | \\ \text{R} \end{array}$, $\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ | \\ -\text{P}- \\ | \\ \text{R} \end{array}$,



where each R is independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, or C₆₋₁₄ aryl;

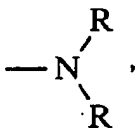
where each R' is independently R, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₇₋₂₀ alkaryl, C₇₋₂₀ aralkyl, halogen, or CF₃;

where M is a Group 3 to 10 metal;

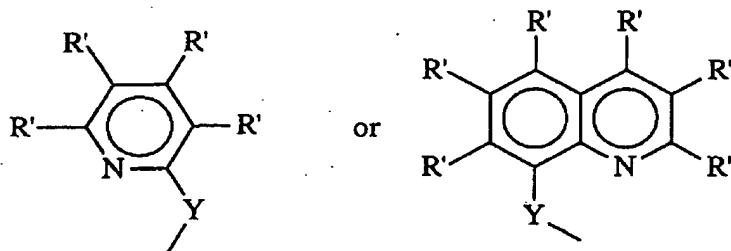
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where each X is independently halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₆₋₁₄ aryl, C₇₋₂₀ alkaryl, C₇₋₂₀ aralkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, or



L is X, cyclopentadienyl, C₁₋₆ alkyl-substituted cyclopentadienyl, fluorenyl, indenyl, or

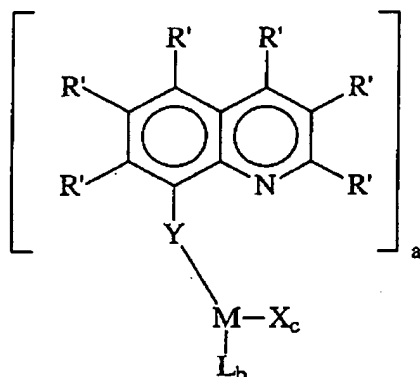


where n is an integer from 1 to 4;
 a is an integer from 1 to 3;
 b is an integer from 0 to 2;
 the sum of a+b≤3;
 c is an integer from 1 to 6; and
 the sum a+b+c equals the oxidation state of M.

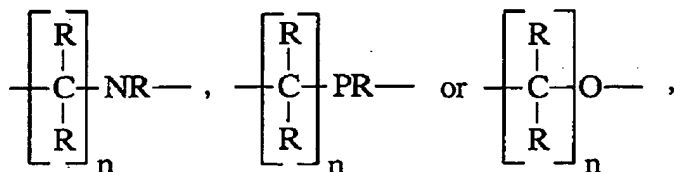
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72. (Previously presented) A catalyst composition suitable for the polymerization of olefins, comprising an activating co-catalyst and a catalyst of the formula:



where Y is $\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \quad \text{R} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---S---} \quad \text{---N---} \quad \text{---P---} \end{array}$

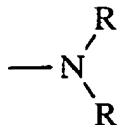


where each R is independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, or C₆₋₁₄ aryl;

where each R' is independently R, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₇₋₂₀ alkaryl, C₇₋₂₀ aralkyl, halogen, or CF₃;

where M is a Group 3 to 10 metal;

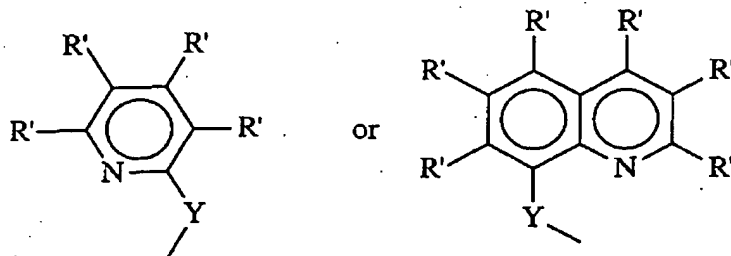
where each X is independently halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₆₋₁₄ aryl, C₇₋₂₀ alkaryl, C₇₋₂₀ aralkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, or



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L is X, cyclopentadienyl, C₁₋₆ alkyl-substituted cyclopentadienyl, fluorenyl, indenyl,



where n is an integer from 1 to 4;

a is an integer from 1 to 3;

b is an integer from 0 to 2;

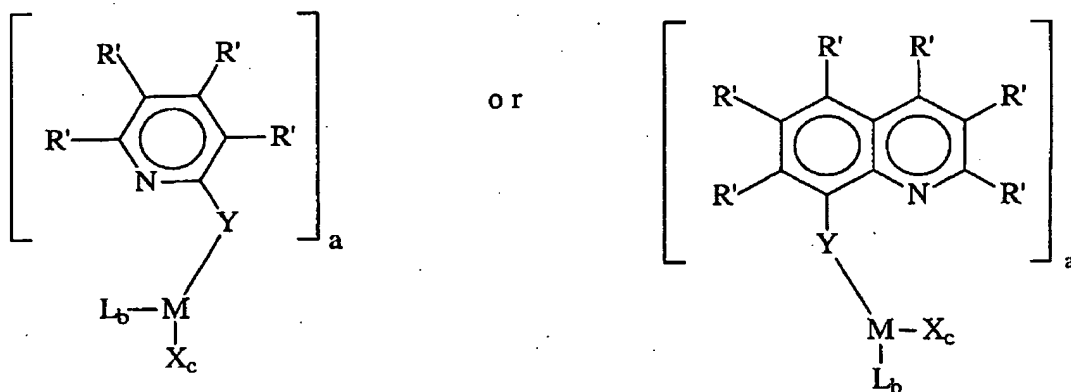
the sum of a+b≤3;

c is an integer from 1 to 6; and

the sum a+b+c equals the oxidation state of M.

73. (Canceled).

74. (Currently amended) A catalyst comprising units of the formula:



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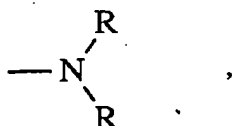
where Y is -O-,

where each R is independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, or C₆₋₁₄ aryl;

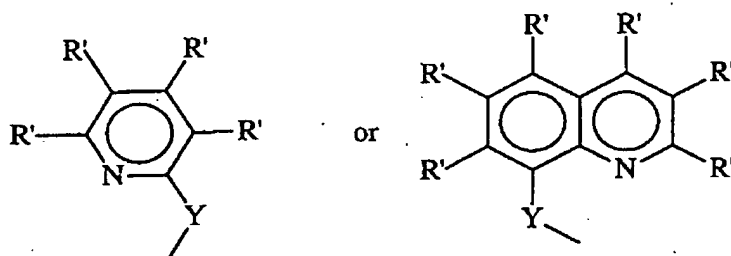
where each R' is independently C₁₋₆ alkyl, ~~C₆₋₁₆ aryl~~ C₆₋₁₄ aryl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, halogen, or CF₃;

where M is zirconium, titanium, and hafnium;

where each X is independently halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, or



L is X, cyclopentadienyl, C₁₋₆ alkyl-substituted cyclopentadienyl, fluorenyl, indenyl, or



where n is an integer from 1 to 4;

a is an integer from 1 to 3;

b is an integer from 0 to 2;

the sum of a+b≤3;

c is an integer from 1 to 6; and

the sum a+b+c equals the oxidation state of M.

75. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 74, wherein the sum a+b≤2 when the oxidation state of M is 4 or less and a+b≤3 when the oxidation state of M is greater than 4.

76. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 74, wherein X is halogen.

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77. (Previously Presented) The catalyst of claim 74, wherein X is Cl.

78. (Previously Presented) A catalyst composition useful for the polymerization of olefins, comprising a catalyst of claim 74 and an activating co-catalyst.

79. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 78, wherein said co-catalyst comprises an alumoxane or an aluminum alkyl.

80. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 79, wherein said alumoxane comprises (poly)methylalumoxane, ethylalumoxane, or diisobutylalumoxane.

81. (Previously Presented) The catalyst composition of claim 78, wherein said co-catalyst is an acid salt containing a non-coordinating inert anion.

82-104. (Canceled)